

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application with all claims being rejected in the present Office Action. Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,268,847 (Glen) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,844,623 (Iwamura) and U.S. Patent No. 4,908,614 (Yamagishi).

Yamagishi describes an image data output apparatus having a **plurality of read clock signals having different timings** that are supplied from the timing pulse generator to the memories to read pixel data from the memories at different timings.

The Examiner points to the Abstract, column 2, lines 61-66, and Figures 1 and 2 of Yamagishi as teaching the inventive limitation of “a timing signal generator for generating a **timing signal**” recited in Claims 1 and 4 of the present application. All of the cited references, however, teach away from the invention because each of them describe not a single pulse, as claimed in the present application, but a plurality of pulses, each pulse being dedicated to one of many memories.

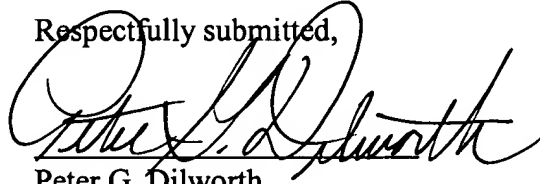
It can therefore be concluded that Glen, Iwamura, Yamagishi, or any combination thereof, do not teach or describe “generating a **timing signal** for alternatively obtaining access to the first and second memories and providing **the generated timing signal** to the first and second memories” recited in Claims 1 and 4 of the present application.

Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 3, and 5, it is submitted that they overcome the prior art by virtue of their dependencies on independent Claims 1 and 4. Accordingly, it is submitted that Claims 1-5 are patentable.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-5 is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that pending Claims 1-5 are believed to be in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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